



# Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Rainfall and very cool temperatures occurred throughout the state last week, hampering corn harvest advancement. There were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 14th. Statewide, precipitation averaged 2.30 inches, 1.44 inches above normal. The average temperature was 59.8 degrees, 9.2 degrees below normal. Corn denting reached 91 percent, compared to 82 percent last year. Corn mature reached 37 percent, up 20 percentage points from last week. Corn harvest was 2 percent complete, 1 percentage point ahead of last year but 11 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Corn condition was rated at 82 percent good to excellent. Soybeans turning color reached 57 percent, compared to the 5-year average of 54 percent. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 20 percent, up 13 percentage points from last week. Soybean condition was rated at 76 percent good to excellent. Sorghum turning color reached 84 percent and sorghum mature reached 36 percent. Pasture condition was rated at 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending September 14, 2014

District and State	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Supply				Subsoil Moisture Supply			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Northwest .....	3.5	7	17	60	16	3	22	66	9
Northeast .....	4.1	-	6	89	5	1	17	77	5
West .....	2.1	-	-	48	52	-	13	80	7
Central .....	1.7	1	7	73	19	2	11	76	11
East .....	3.0	-	3	87	10	1	9	87	3
West Southwest .....	2.6	-	3	77	20	-	6	81	13
East Southeast .....	4.2	-	4	84	12	-	9	86	5
Southwest .....	4.9	-	15	73	12	1	14	76	9
Southeast .....	2.9	-	-	67	33	2	3	69	26
Illinois .....	3.2	1	6	74	19	1	11	79	9

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	September 14, 2014	September 7, 2014	September 14, 2013	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented .....	91	84	82	86
Corn mature .....	37	17	22	50
Corn harvested .....	2	1	1	13
Soybeans turning color .....	57	37	39	54
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	20	7	12	25
Sorghum turning color .....	84	77	89	86
Sorghum mature .....	36	20	12	39
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	90	86	90	92

## Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending September 14, 2014

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	1	3	14	51	31
Soybeans .....	2	4	18	52	24
Sorghum .....	2	2	16	69	11
Pasture .....	2	5	23	51	19

## Crop Progress by District: Week Ending September 14, 2014

Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented .....	92	81	95	95	89	94	95	93	93
Corn mature .....	29	8	44	55	22	46	44	56	53
Corn harvested .....	2	-	1	1	2	6	2	15	5
Soybeans turning color .....	72	64	64	65	50	50	66	49	34
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	20	31	30	28	14	14	26	14	9

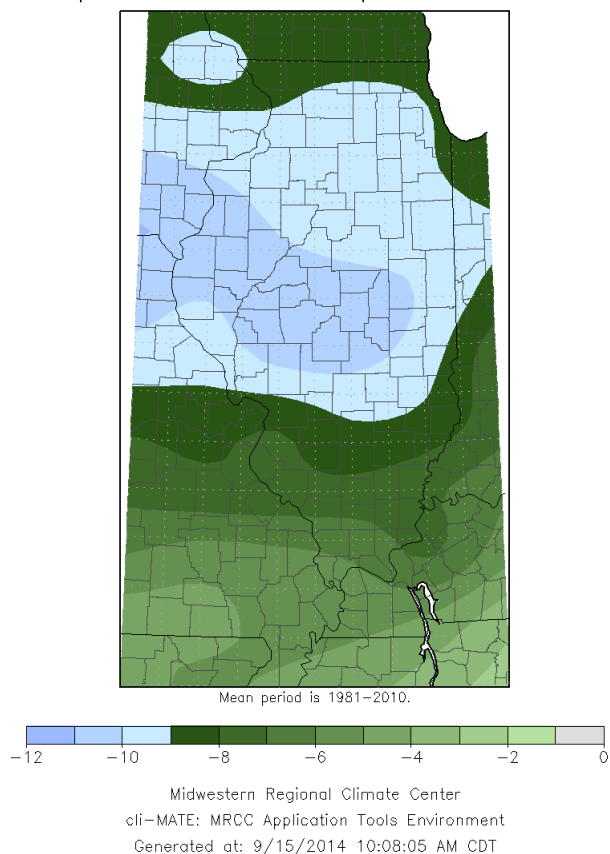
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## Weather Information: Week Ending September 14, 2014

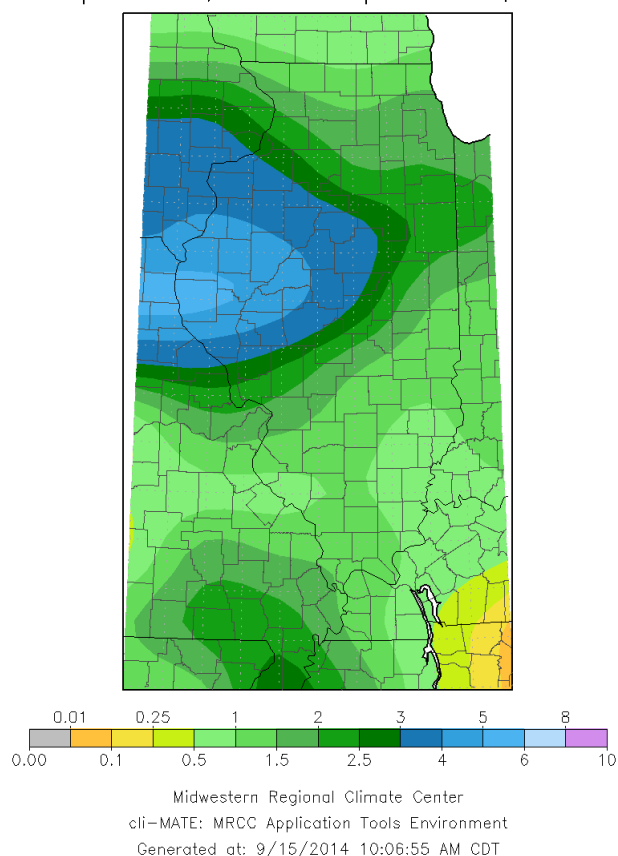
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest .....	57.4	-9.0	2.22	1.38	2,503	-84
Northeast .....	58.0	-8.9	1.77	0.90	2,463	-90
West .....	58.5	-10.3	4.55	3.65	2,734	-100
Central .....	58.7	-9.9	3.61	2.80	2,688	-81
East .....	58.8	-9.5	2.35	1.52	2,629	-99
West Southwest .....	59.8	-10.1	2.89	1.99	2,847	-78
East Southeast .....	61.1	-9.2	1.27	0.35	2,839	-105
Southwest .....	63.5	-7.7	0.95	0.13	3,021	-22
Southeast .....	64.4	-7.3	0.92	0.15	3,079	2
Illinois .....	59.8	-9.2	2.30	1.44	2,742	-76

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu>

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
September 8, 2014 to September 14, 2014



Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
September 8, 2014 to September 14, 2014



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